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Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice Reaches Out to Children

Proper dental care and routine trips to the dentist help to guarantee that children and adults not only have a healthy smile, but a healthy body as well. The mouth can be a breeding ground for germs and open sores and exposed tissue can provide a potential entrance for infections to enter the body. To help ensure that every child in Catawba County has access to dental care, Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice serves as a resource for children ages 4 to 17.

Every year, about 1,079 children in Catawba County utilize the Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice.

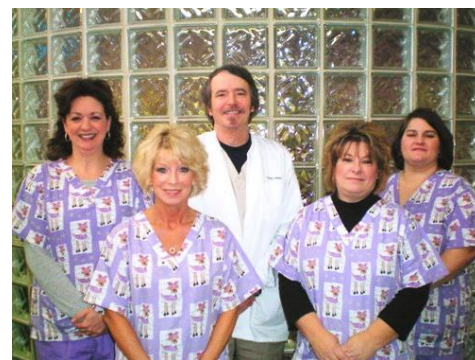
The dental practice prides itself in offering a wide range of services for children. They offer complete examinations that include x-rays and dental cleanings.

“Our goal is to provide an enjoyable experience at the dentist that will encourage children to maintain good dental cleaning habits,” explained Dr. Patrick Maddy, D.M.D., dentist at the Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice. “If children enjoy being at the dentist, they will be more likely to continue their dental care at home. This in turn leads to the prevention of dental disease.”

When necessary, the practice will also provide dental treatment such as fillings, crowns, emergency care, and extractions. They also offer sealants that can be placed on children’s back teeth to prevent dental decay.

“We review the child’s dental needs and only make recommendations for items such as crowns and fillings when they are absolutely necessary,” described Dr. Maddy. “We teach children to take care of their teeth so that these measures will not be required.”

The Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice accepts children who are on Medicaid or Health Choice and are between the ages of 4 and 17. If you would like to learn more about the dental practice or to schedule an appointment, please contact the dental practice at 828-695-5778.



Front row left to right: Angie Kistler and Quita Hartman. Back row from left to right is Melinda Bumgarner, Dr. Patrick Maddy, D.M.D., and Lori Clark.

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